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THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

THE ASSOCIATION was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity." In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

THE ALLIANCE OF UNITARIAN WOMEN

THE ALLIANCE was organized in 1890, and has for its aims primarily to quicken the religious life of the Unitarian churches, and to bring the women of the denomination into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowship; to promote local organizations of women for missionary and denominational work; to bring them into helpful association; to collect and disseminate information regarding all matters of interest to the denomination, such as needs of local societies, facilities for meeting these needs, work to be done, the collection and distribution of money, and in general to devise ways and means for the most efficient usefulness of the women of the Unitarian fellowship.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION

THE UNION was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

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American Unitarian Association

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Ministerial Personals

Rev. Hilary Bygrave died at Cambridge on September 26th, in his seventy-fourth year. He had served our parishes in Hudson, Mass., Toronto, Canada, and Belmont, Mass., retiring in 1901, but continuing until recently a welcome preacher in many pulpits, a cordial friend and good counsellor.

Rev. J. F. Krolfifer has accepted a commission to take charge of the work of the First Unitarian Society in Seattle, Wash.

Rev. J. B. H. Tegarden has accepted a call to New Orleans, La., and Rev. H. D. Martin has taken charge of the church at Fort Collins, Col.

Rev. C. C. Helvie has accepted a call to Moline, Ill., and Rev. N. A. Baker a call to Keene, N.H.

Rev. F. W. Holden has resigned at Haverhill, Mass., and accepted a call to Rockland, Mass.

Rev. George Gilmour has resigned at Dallas, Tex., and accepted a call to Denver, Col.

Mr. Ivan Klein was ordained and installed minister at Littleton, N.H., on October 20th.

Journeys

The recent Sunday preaching appointments of the President of the Association have been at Newport, R.I., Detroit, Mich., Cambridge, Mass., and Hackley School, N.Y. Together with the other officers of the Association, he attended the General Conference at Detroit, and he has spent a considerable part of the last month in and near New York, aiding in promoting a number of enterprises in that district. In the middle of November he expects to meet a number of appointments in Western New York and Eastern Pennsylvania.

The Secretary of the Association, Mr. Cornish, preached on the October Sundays at Meadville, Pa., Brooklyn and Albany, N.Y. He is now in the South, his special appointment being the installation service of the new minister, Rev. R. E. Bailey, at Charleston, S.C.

The Secretary of the Department of Church Extension has met Sunday appointments at Portland, Me., Roxbury, Mass., Milwaukee, Wis., Trenton, N.J., and Ottawa, Can., and a number of other appointments at conferences. He is giving considerable time to the Membership Campaign.

The Secretary of the Department of Religious Education has just returned from a long journey in the Middle West, his special appointments being at Duluth and St. Paul, Minn., Detroit, Mich., Sioux City, Humboldt, Iowa

City, Ia., Omaha and Lincoln, Neb., Indianapolis, Ind., and Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Secretary of the Department of New Americans, Mr. Forbes, has just returned from his usual autumn journey in the Northwest, visiting and conferring with the Norwegian, Finnish, and Icelandic churches in Minnesota and Manitoba.

The Field Secretary, Mr. Brown, started West early in October, attended the General Conference, and then went on to visit the churches successively in Montana, Utah, and Colorado. Thence he will later probably proceed to Oklahoma and Texas.

Manhattan

In recent months the officers of the Association have given special attention to the needs of some of the more important centers of influence. A new field secretary and a new headquarters office have been provided at *San Francisco.* A special committee of the Board of Directors has been carefully studying the situation in *Chicago* and made a provisional report to the Directors at their last meeting. At the same time, the Laymen's League and the Western Conference are uniting in the transfer of the Chicago headquarters to a new and cheerful office in the Fine Arts Building on Michigan Avenue. At *Washington* a committee of the Association has been in closest coöperation with the officers of All Souls' Church in promoting their important project of the new Church building.

In *New York City* many consultations have been held and new adventures planned and furthered:

I. All Souls' Church has rehabilitated the interior of the church building and is interested in securing an assistant minister to work with Dr. Sullivan and to promote the social and educational life of the church.

II. The Community Church has announced its plans for the reconstruction of its building at Park Avenue and 34th Street. A splendid design has been adopted for a new auditorium and church house and the campaign for raising funds has begun.

III. The West Side Church, with the aid of the Association, is building its new meeting-house on 110th Street. The corner-stone has just been laid, and the building will be ready for occupancy early in the new year.

IV. The Laymen's League has appointed a field secretary for the New York district and the Association has appointed a field secretary in the Department of Religious Education, who will have his headquarters at the New York office. These men are available to aid the work of the churches in their respective fields.

V. The Association, the League, and The Alliance, in co-operation with the New York League of Unitarian Women, are preparing to lease adequate quarters for the offices of the allied organizations. Careful search is being made for convenient offices in the neighborhood of the Grand Central Station.

VI. The New York Ministers' Conference is being reorganized and vivified, and a meeting is to be held on November 9th to organize the new Conference of the churches of the Metropolitan District.

By all these means it is hoped that the influence and usefulness of the churches of Greater New York will be extended and our cause promoted throughout the Metropolitan District.

Armistice Day

The President of the Association has sent out a circular letter to the ministers and officebearers of the Unitarian churches, asking that every church arrange for a special noonday service, lasting from fifteen to twenty minutes, on Armistice Day, November 11. It should be

a service of commemoration of our heroic dead and of reconsecration to the ideals for which our young men died. It is further suggested that on Sunday morning, November 6, in all the churches, reading, hymn, and sermon may help arouse the public sentiment which will influence the decisions of the Conference on the Limitation of Armaments. Suggestions are added concerning the organization of possible Mass Meetings for the evening of Sunday, November 6, and for group or class gatherings for the study of the problems that will come before the Conference. The letter concludes:

"By all these means shall we not unite to awaken people to the solemn significance of the Conference; to counteract the forces of militarism which are always operative at Washington; to overcome indifference and cynicism; and to arouse enthusiasm for the generous ideals which animated Americans under the stress of war.

"We want not only to express our deep longings for the success of the Conference, but also to make demand for genuine achievement. We want our representatives to be clearly aware that American public opinion demands an international agreement which shall deliver the nations from the overwhelming burden of competitive armaments and federate them for mutual protection against war.

"Shall the hopes and prayers that stirred in the heart of the unknown American soldier who will be laid to rest on Armistice Day be buried with him, or shall they yet be fulfilled through our untiring endeavors?"

Department of Religious Education

During October the work of this Department is largely given to helping the schools organize and establish their work for the year. Correspondence and personal interviews take much of the time of the secretaries. Dr. Lawrance was in the Western field from September 26th to October 27th.

Dr. Buck gave several Sundays as adviser and organizer to the church school of the Second Church, Boston. She attended a meeting in New York City called by the Committee on Church Drama and Pageantry of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which included representatives of the leading religious denominations, and of such organizations as Community Service, Drama League, Missionary Education Movement, and the Student Volunteer Movement. She has given addresses before the Boston Sunday School Union, Neighborhood Teachers' Meeting at Salem, Parents' Meeting at Wollaston, and the Alliance at East Bridgewater.

Rev. Edwin Fairley began his work in this Department on October 1st. He is spending a month at the Boston office, doing editorial and other work at the central office. After November 20th he may be found at the New York headquarters.

The meetings of superintendents of Boston and vicinity, inaugurated last year, are continuing this year. By unanimous vote it was decided that they should be held at five o'clock on the day and at the place of meeting of the Boston Sunday School Union. The first meeting was held October 17th at the Second Church, Boston.

The Committee on Church School Extension has arranged for a Neighborhood Teachers' Meeting which will include the three Unitarian church schools in Salem and those in Peabody, Danvers, Marblehead, and Lynn, to be held at the Second Church Parish House in Salem once each month for seven months, beginning October 20th. The minister of the Universalist Church of Salem, reading the announcement of the course in the Salem *News*, asked permission to attend and bring the teachers from his school.

The program of this series at Salem and suggestions for similar meetings will be sent to enquirers by the chairman of the committee, Miss Marguerite Emilio, 5 Oliver Street, Salem.

A school of religious drama and pageantry is to be held at Union Hall, 48 Boylston Street, Boston, under the

auspices of Community Service of Boston, Inc., three evenings each week from Monday, November 7th, to Monday, December 12th. Its purpose is to train leaders in the use of the dramatic method in church and religious work. Information may be obtained from this Department.

Word and Work

Publication Department

This monthly bulletin of the Unitarian national societies has entered upon its twenty-fifth volume. Even during the recent war, when prices soared almost to prohibitive heights, this bulletin has been issued, and the subscription price has never been raised. We believe that it serves the purpose for which it was established,—to give, for a very nominal sum, a brief account each month of the activities of the offices and organizations of the American Unitarian Association, The Alliance, Young People's Religious Union, and the Temperance Society. The Unitarian Temperance Society now feels that it desires to develop other means of publicity, and hereafter the reports of that organization will be omitted from this monthly bulletin.

Fall Publications

Since our last announcement in WORD AND WORK we have issued two books: *Thomas Starr King*, of which an announcement will be found on back cover, and *New Pilgrimages of the Spirit,* a report of the proceedings of the Pilgrim Tercentenary Anniversary of the International Congress. The limited editions of both these titles have been practically exhausted. In addition to the foregoing we have issued the leaflets for the first quarter of the year for the *First Book of Religion,* by Mrs. Charles A. Lane, which has been adapted from The Beacon Series. We have also published and distributed 3,300 copies of the Unitarian Year Book to the settled ministers, life members, and to those individuals and firms who have ordered them at the regular price. This year we have included a number of advertisements on the back pages which netted a little revenue. We have also printed and distributed among the churches and to the life members, approximately 9,000 copies of the Annual Report. We have issued 2,000 copies of the Religious Education Catalogue, and the Beacon Course Catalogue which has been sent with a personal letter to the Sunday-school superintendents of the Unitarian, Universalist, and Friends denominations and also to the representatives of schools of other denominations which have shown interest in our Religious Education material. We have issued 12,000 fall announcements of our books which have gone to those on our mailing-list. We have also issued several individual circulars, among them the elaborate Thomas Starr King circular which has gone to persons who we believed would be particularly interested. We have also issued and distributed 2,000 book catalogues and 5,000 tract catalogues. We wish to take this opportunity to thank the readers of WORD AND WORK for the generous patronage and to express the hope that the Publication Department and The Beacon Press may be of further service to them.

The Publication Department and The Beacon Press were represented at the Convention by the Agent and also by Mrs. Hooker and Miss McClure of Detroit. Tables were arranged outside the ballroom of the Hotel Statler, the headquarters of the Conference, and the attendants were on duty from eight o'clock in the morning until the same hour in the evening. In addition to displaying our most popular and most recent books and tracts, *The Christian Register,* Alliance and Temperance material, this Department was of service to the delegates in furnishing information and other little courtesies.

The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

Headquarters: Room 10, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Miss Lucy Lowell, *President* — Mrs. Caroline S. Atherton, *Recording Secretary*
Mrs. Lucia Clapp Noyes, *Treasurer* — Mrs. Robert H. Davis, *Corresponding Secretary*

The Alliance in Detroit

The Alliance meeting of Tuesday, October 4, was the first public meeting of Conference Week, and it was good to see ministers and laymen, as well as Alliance women, in the audience. Miss Lowell presided and conducted the opening devotional service. Rev. Augustus P. Reccord, minister of the church, gave the welcome to Detroit, mentioning with other interesting facts about the city, that it was the best-governed large city in our country. Affectionate greetings were voted to Mrs. Davis, our beloved Corresponding Secretary, who was absent from the Conference for the first time in thirty years.

Miss Lowell introduced Rev. Anita T. Pickett of Rowe, Mass., who came at twenty-four hours' notice to take the place of Rev. Julia N. Budlong of Kalamazoo, Mich., who was ill. Mrs. Pickett spoke forcefully, asking each one of her hearers to put these questions: Has every Alliance woman the Faith? Is every Alliance strong in the Faith? Does each Alliance include all of the women in the church? What is The Alliance doing to raise up leaders? Do you know what is in the Bible and where it comes from? Greetings were voted to Miss Budlong with regret at her illness.

Mrs. Claude U. Gilson, who returned from Europe just in time to reach the Conference, was then introduced, and after describing conditions as she saw them this summer, spoke of the great need of strengthening friendly relations with the Liberals of the world. She made an eloquent plea for intellectual honesty, which will help clear up many misunderstandings, and for spiritual sympathy and imagination, which will reach out and make us friends with all peoples.

Rev. Minot Simons, the last speaker, told of the spiritual possibilities of the membership campaign which is about to be started, and showed how each Alliance branch has its part in developing a deeper religious life.

Three Vice-Presidents were with Miss Lowell on the platform: Mrs. Louson of Canada, Miss Julia W. Sawyer of the Middle West, Miss Bella L. Taussig, Western Vice-President.

The meeting closed with the benediction by Mr. Simons.

At the Alliance luncheon held at Hotel Statler, Wednesday afternoon, 228 were present from Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, District of Columbia, Canada, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Washington, Oregon, and California.

Miss Lowell introduced Mrs. Stanley G. Stevens of Ann Arbor, who served as toastmistress.

Messages were brought from many parts of the country by Mrs. Atherton, Recording Secretary, Mrs. Speight, formerly of Berkeley, Calif., Mrs. Homer E. Safford of Detroit, Mich., Miss Adeline B. Pfleghaar, who spoke for the Young People's Religious Union, and Mrs. Alva R. Scott, who told of the new society at Knoxville, Tenn.

Mrs. Robert Downie interested all in the Get Acquainted Club of Detroit, which she and her husband have made a most successful channel through which to reach lonely people with human companionship.

Dr. William I. Lawrance and Dr. S.

M. Crothers appeared with greetings from the ministers assembled for their luncheon in the next room. They told us they had been chosen as the oldest and youngest ministers present! Messages of good-will were returned. The luncheon gave a fine opportunity to get acquainted with our Detroit hostesses and others and great good-fellowship marked the occasion.

Greetings were voted to the Northern California Associate Alliance for its meeting of October 22 in Palo Alto.

After rising and repeating together the Mizpah benediction the members parted, good friends all.

Executive Board

The October meeting was held in Detroit, Mich., October 4, at 10 A.M. There were present Miss Lowell, Miss Julia W. Sawyer, and Miss Taussig, Vice-Presidents; the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and the Assistant Secretary, and four Massachusetts directors,—Mmes. Clark, St. John, Sawyer, Sears; Mrs. Bonny of New York; the director of Maryland, Kentucky, Michigan, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, and Mrs. Kerr of Ohio; also Mrs. Scott of Knoxville, Tenn., Mrs. Stevens of Ann Arbor, Mich., and several members of the Detroit Alliance.

Miss Lowell after the devotional service introduced those present to one another, several of whom were attending their first Board meeting. She voiced the great regret of all at Mrs. Davis's absence, caused by the illness of her daughter.

Committee reports were received with great interest,—Southern Circuit, International, College Centers, Fellowship, Social Service.

Mrs. St. John, chairman of the International committee, represents The Alliance on the Continuing Committee of the Commission for Transylvanian Relief of the American Unitarian Association.

The Cheerful Letter committee made its usual encouraging report, and asked for Bibles, which may be sent to 25 Beacon Street. Those of large type are specially desirable.

The Post Office Mission report showed that ninety branches have joined in the plan of coöperative advertising, and as replies come in, the names will be assigned. The Christmas sermon in the Post Office Mission series, "Jesus or Herod," by Rev. William R. Cole, will soon be ready. Orders should be sent to the nearest headquarters. "A Lyric Religion," selected hymns by Unitarian authors, has just been published in this same series.

It was voted to print in WORD AND WORK a letter prepared by the Post Office Mission on church-door distribution.

It was voted to renew the Appeal for $1,000 for Sunday-school worker, subject to the approval of the Appeals committee. Miss Ella B. Cook of Trenton, N.J., has been added to the field workers by the Religious Education Department.

A report of progress was received from Mr. Carl B. Wetherell, Field Secretary on the Pacific Coast, who serves The Alliance as well as the Unitarian Association and the Laymen's League.

The resignation of Miss Ellen E. Langdon, director for Western New York, necessitated by her moving from Buffalo, was accepted with great regret.

The President was authorized to send notices to the branches asking for more subscriptions to WORD AND WORK.

The Fellowship committee was empowered to send out a letter about its work.

Mrs. Noyes spoke interestingly of visiting the Lincoln and Omaha, Neb., branches. Vice-Presidents and directors told of local conditions, and Mrs.

Scott of the new society at Knoxville, Tenn., and greetings were voted to be conveyed by the directors to all the branches represented at the meeting, and by Mrs. Scott to Knoxville. Greetings were sent to Mrs. Glogau, Middle States Vice-President, who was unexpectedly kept from the meeting.

The Detroit members told of interesting features of their work, showing garments made by the industrial department, and speaking of the Get Acquainted Club. The national character of The Alliance was well brought out by these reports from many parts of the country.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

The Central Post Office Mission Committee issues the following article, asking each Alliance president to give the matter her particular attention:

Church-Door Distribution

This part of Post Office Mission work is done by almost all our churches even though there is no regularly appointed committee to take charge of it; in that case the results are not sent to Headquarters, in consequence of which the number of sermons recorded in the Manual as distributed is far less than the actual number. It would add greatly to the interest if *all* returns from church-door work could be known.

Even where there is a committee there is sometimes doubt as to how the work should be done. In order to obtain as wide information as possible on this subject the monthly conference of Mission workers at 25 Beacon Street had a discussion, the results of which are embodied in the following pages.

1. *Shall the Material Displayed be in a Rack Specially Constructed or on a Table?*

A rack is preferable to a table for these reasons: *a.* The rack on the wall is nearer the line of vision and so attracts attention while the table, much lower, is hidden from view of many by those who stand near it. *b.* In a rack the sermons are arranged in compartments and are always orderly; on a table the groups are liable to become mixed by handling so that they are untidy and the result is undignified.

2. *Where shall the Rack be Placed? So that it Attracts Attention of those Entering Church or those Leaving it?*

There can be no hard-and-fast rule about this as much depends on the architecture of the church. In general it appears best to have the rack where it could best be seen by those leaving church, for these reasons: *a.* If people are late in arriving they will not stop to look at sermons while after church there is always time. *b.* Where the minister coöperates with the Mission committee he can give notice of sermons in the rack and they can be taken as the congregation leaves church.

3. *How shall Attention be Called to the Rack?*

In some churches a framed notice, "You are invited to take such of these pamphlets as interest you," is placed over the rack. In others one or more members of the committee stand near the rack and call attention to its contents, or hand sermons to the people as they pass from church.

4. *Shall the Rack be Placed so that the Pamphlets Stand Straight or so that they Slant?*

The latter, by all means. Notice the display of the news-stands; material that slants is much more easily read when below the level of the eye and within reach of the hand.

5. *How Large shall the Rack be?*

It should be in proportion to the

church and the amount of material to be displayed. A small rack, constantly filled, is better than a large one with vacant spaces.

6. *What Material shall be put in the Rack?*

As varied material as possible, always being sure that it is appropriate. At special seasons, Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter, use sermons fitted to the time, *and remove them when the day is past.* If it be possible to learn beforehand the subject of the day's sermon, sermons on the same subject by other ministers can be put in the rack and attention called to them by a word from the pulpit. Always there should be one or more sermons defining our Unitarian principles.

7. *How Often shall the Sermons be Changed?*

At least once a week. Do not let sermons stay in the rack till they are dusty! And do not allow Easter sermons to remain through the summer! If sermons look worn or unsuitable for the church, they can be sent to car-stations or other places of distribution.

8. *How can we interest our Young People in Church-Door Work?*

The older classes in Sunday-school and the Y. P. R. U. can read the pamphlets as part of their work and assist the Mission in choosing the ones to be placed in the rack; in such case it is well to have at least one of these young people appointed on the Mission committee.

9. *How shall Records be Kept?*

In any way that seems good to the committee, but they should be kept, and kept accurately. A simple card-catalogue is used in some churches, checking the results every six months; in others the results are noted each week as the sermons are changed. Whatever method is used should be carried on carefully through the year. It will be found that the number of sermons distributed is much larger than is commonly supposed and if to the number reported can be added the names of those taken from the rack the interest will be increased.

If every member of every Unitarian church would take one sermon from the rack each Sunday and during the week send it to some far-away friend we should spread our gospel more widely and more personally than ever before. Is it impossible to try this?

Committee on Young People

Our message this month is the splendid report given by the president of one of our oldest Junior Alliances, at the autumn meeting of the New England Associate Alliance, held in Montpelier, Vt., on October 20.

Work of the Junior Alliance of Windsor, Vt.

We were first organized in 1907 as a Sunday School club, called the "Busy Bees," a name which we always tried to live up to. At that time our ages ranged from eight to twelve years, so of course we did not do such a great amount of work. The object of our meetings then was to learn how to do things, and aside from this, we had our many socials, picnics, etc. As we grew older and became more capable and independent of our teachers, we felt too dignified to retain the name "Busy Bees" any longer, so we organized under the name of Junior Alliance. At that time we chose three Senior directors whose duty it was to meet with us and teach us the ways of the Senior Alliance. This was about seven years ago, and we have increased in numbers, until now we have twenty members, ten of whom were originally "Busy Bees."

During the war we did a great amount of work for our soldiers at home and abroad, meeting regularly

one night a week with the Red Cross during the winter of 1918; and also each of us knit sweaters, scarfs, or socks at home. Since the war we have continued our patriotic work by doing for the wounded soldiers. We are always at the service of the Senior Alliance, to help serve at their suppers, decorate the church for services, and to help with the various entertainments of the Sunday School. The Juniors are the only choir the church has had for several years.

We have various ways of making money. We always have charge of the Candy Table at the annual Alliance fair, and we help the Seniors by contributing to their many other tables. Each year we give a play, which has been a great success financially and educationally. The first year we started with a light comedy, and each year gave a deeper play, until finally we presented "New Lady Bantock," a very dramatic play. Our plays have netted us a profit of about $150 each.

For the last two years we have supplied one ton of coal each winter for the church, and we also gave the money for the Wayside Pulpit. Last winter the supplies of our district nurse were scarce, so we assisted by making three layettes of fifty-four pieces each. This summer we made it possible for a child from New York to enjoy the fresh air and luxuries of the country, by paying for its care for two weeks. Our Juniors always answer calls from other Alliance branches for contributions, and also any calls from organizations working for the suffering and needy,—for instance, we were the first Alliance to respond to the call for the Italian workers at Montpelier.

We meet Tuesdays at 7.30 P.M. We are endeavoring to make this our banner year, and to make every meeting amount to something. We open with a regular business program, similar to the Seniors, which lasts about one hour. We have a roll call, to which each responds with a quotation, or current-event, as the meeting may call for. Our plan is to have each meeting different during the month, so each month is assigned to two girls, who plan the entire program for that month. Our programs are something as follows,—one a religious meeting, the next a sewing circle, then perhaps a social, in order to bring the young men of the church together. We are contemplating having read at our meetings a good book, suggested by our pastor, as last winter he gave us religious talks every fourth meeting.

The greater part of our success is due to the fact that our three Senior directors have taken such a deep interest in us from the start. They always meet with us, and best of all, they have never forgotten that we are young, and so have made it possible for us to have such good times together, and have presented our work to us in such a way that it was always a pleasure.

Our Alliance will be glad to correspond with any other group, and exchange ideas and receive or offer suggestions.

FLORENCE E. AYERS,
President.

Friendly Links

Your committee is beginning its second season, and great interest is being shown by the branches. There are many requests for some one to come to explain the work, as "our members do not understand." One local chairman asked to be notified of our meetings, as she would like to attend as many as possible. Of course this committee meets constantly for work, but her suggestion seems such a good one, that we plan to have a meeting for conference sometime during the winter

to which branch chairmen will be invited.

It has meant much to us to feel the great interest of members of the British League in this undertaking, and nearly one-half of all their links are with Alliance members. Your chairman had the pleasure of attending a special Friendly Links meeting in Hampstead last July, when over ninety were present from twelve churches in and about London. It was interesting to see the large proportion of girls and young women. Some already have links here and others are most eager to start. Many difficulties were straightened out and many new names added to our waiting-list for links.

MARY F. GILL,
Chairman.

Library

Readers will be glad to learn of the following books, by English writers, presented to the Circulating Library by Rev. E. Rosalind Lee "in gratitude for the use of the Library and for the hospitality of The Alliance these last eight months": The Story of St. Francis, and Savonarola, by Frances E. Cooke; Laws of Life, God and the World, Eternal Life Here and Hereafter, and Religion, by S. H. Mellone; Jesus and Christianity in the 20th Century, by Alfred Hall; The Revelation of God in Nature and Man, by Edgar Thackray; Paul, his Life and Teaching, The Way of Life (2 vols.), and Pauline Meditations, by James Drummond; Lay Religion, by H. T. Hodgkin; The Methodist Unitarian Movement, and New Testament and Modern Knowledge, by Herbert McLachlan; The Divine Element in Art and Literature, by W. L. Schroeder; By an Unknown Disciple; Religion in Social and National Life, by H. D. Roberts; Communion of Man with God, by R. Nicol Cross.

Montpelier's Way of Increasing Membership

A cordial invitation is hereby extended to you to become a member of the Women's Alliance of the Church of the Messiah. The Alliance aims to promote a reasonable religious life and to provide educational, social, philanthropic, and missionary activity. With the help of all, this organization can fill a very large place in the church and in Montpelier. There will be an Evening Alliance Branch for business and professional women who cannot attend afternoon meetings. Will you indicate on the reply card your willingness to become a member?

The Monday Conference

The Monday Conference will hold its first meeting in Channing Hall, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, November 7, at 10.30 A.M. Mrs. Oscar C. Gallagher will preside. Reports of the Detroit meetings will be given. Miss Mary F. Gill will speak of Friendly Links with the British League.

This conference, which meets the first Monday of each month, November to May, gives branch officers and members opportunity to exchange notes, and bring to one another helpful ideas. Subjects for discussion are introduced and a well-known speaker is often invited to present some subject of special interest to Alliance women and to enlist their coöperation in good works.

It is an open meeting and all who may be interested to attend are cordially welcomed.

Appeals stand as follows:

Green Harbor	$400
Meadville Students	250
Pacific School Students	250
Tuckerman School	250
Carolina Industrial School	2,000
Southern Circuit	2,200
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SPIRITUAL CAMPAIGN

It is clear where lies the central task of the Union this winter. The Unitarian Campaign of last year is going on to achieve a 25% increase in church membership this year, and it is for us to make clear to all Unitarian young people the importance and value of definite affiliation with the Church.

Do we appreciate the exceptional freedom—the real freedom—of our Unitarian Church? Let us make certain that every member of a union realizes what a privilege it is to take an active part in the life of a religious organization which, as the Detroit Conference made clearer than ever, is bonded together, not by intellectual conformity, but by the kinship of spirits filled with a common passion for truth and righteousness.

Those of us who attended the Y. P. R. U. luncheon at Detroit were thrilled by Dr. Dodson's account of how his young people meet with him for forty minutes every Sunday before the church service. No need for Unitarian young people in St. Louis to say that they do not know the why and wherefore of their church. And it is no wonder that Dr. Dodson's church attendance is so largely composed of young people. If we cannot all establish such large and regular young people's classes, surely we can form, with the help of our local ministers, preparation classes, which, meeting for six or eight sessions, will enable us to prepare ourselves for church membership.

The National Organization, through the Campaign Committee, is sending to local unions a definite program, including the following suggestions, headed by the slogan:

"Every Unitarian Young Person a Member of a Unitarian Church"

1. Representation of the local Y. P. R. U. on the advisory Campaign Council of each church.

2. A rally meeting of each Union, at which every available young person will be present and will join the Union.

3. Entrance of each union in the National Cup Contest, details of which are to be announced later.

4. Full attendance of the members of each local Union at the Sunday morning service on Rally Sunday.

5. The formation of preparation classes, composed of young people meeting with the minister, during the Christmas holidays and January.

6. The making of Young People's Sunday, January 22, 1922, an inspiring day, by arranging to have all possible members of the Union join the church at the service on that date.

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General Conference

One of the addresses at the Conference Session in Detroit was given by Miss Pfleghaar, Executive Secretary, on the general subject, "A Program for the Continuation of the Campaign." She urged the need of the live Church of Today to enlist the active coöperation of the young people in church administration, for in youth is found the creative thought. Young people should be represented on church committees, and their suggestions should be earnestly considered, so that our Church of the Future will stand for the highest service in the community.

Miss Pfleghaar also spoke, at the Alliance luncheon, of our National Work, and represented the Y. P. R. U. in the receiving line at the reception of the General Conference. At Ann Arbor, our Middle-West Vice-President, Mr. Frederick West of Chicago, presided at the morning session. On Friday, a group of ministers, who have no Y. P. R. U. in their churches, attended the luncheon, served through the kindly coöperation of the Detroit Alliance women, under the auspices of our Executive Secretary. Throughout the Conference there was a table display of Y. P. R. U. literature in the Statler ballroom.

We hope the Conference has strengthened and increased the interest of our older friends in the work of the Young People's Religious Union.

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